STRIPED BAND SWEATER

SIZES: Directions for size 38. Changes for sizes 40, 42, 44 are in parentheses.

Body Chest Size: 38" (40"-42"-44").

Blocked Chest Size: 40" (42"-44" -46").

MATERIALS: Columbia Minerva Calypso, 8 (9-10-10) 2-oz. skeins charcoal, main color (MC); 2 skeins red (R), 1 skein white (W). 14" straight knitting needles Nos. 5 and 10; set of dp needles No.5. (Or English sizes 8 and 3.) Two stitch holders.

GAUGE: 9 sts=2"; 6 rows=l" (stockinette st, No. 10 needles).

STRIPED BAND: *Rows* 1-4: With R,knit.

***Row* 5**: With W, knit.

***Row* 6:** With W, purl.

***Rows* 7 *and* 8**: With R, knit.

***Rows* 9-24**: Repeat rows 5-8 four times.

***Rows* 25 *and* 26**: Repeat rows 5 and 6.

Rows 27-30: Repeat rows 1-4.

BACK: With MC and No.5 needles, cast on 90 (94-102-106) sts,

Ribbing: *Row* 1 (right side) : P 2, * k 2, p 2, repeat from * across.

***Row* 2**: K 2, * p 2, k 2, repeat from * across. Repeat these 2 rows for 3", end wrong side. Change to No. 10 needles. Work in stockinette st until piece measures 11" *(11 ½"-12"-12 ½")* from start or 4" less than desired length to underarm, end p row. Break off MC. Work 30 rows of striped band. Break off R and W.

Shape Armholes: Join MC, working in stockinette st, bind off 5 (5-7-7) sts at beg of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st each side every other row 4 times. Work even on 72 (76-80-84) sts until armholes are 9" *(9 ½"-*10" -10") above first bound-off sts.

Shape Shoulders: Bind off 5 sts at beg of next 6 rows, 8 (9-10-11) sts next 2 rows. Sl remaining 26 (28-30-32) sts on a holder for back of neck.

FRONT: Work as for back until armholes measure 7" (7 ½"-8"-8") above first bound-off sts, end k row.

Shape Neck: P 27 (28-29-30) sts, sl next 18 (20-22-24) sts on a holder, join another ball of yarn and k last 27 (28-29-30) sts. Working on both sides at once, dec 1 st at each neck edge every other row

4 times. Work even on 23 (24-25-26) sts of each side until armholes measure same as back.

Shape Shoulders: Bind off 5 sts at beg of each arm side 3 times, 8 (9-10-11) sts

SLEEVES: With MC and No.5 needles, cast on 52 (52-56-56) sts. Work in ribbing of k 2, p 2 for 3", inc 0 (1-0-1) st each side of last row-52 (54-56-58) sts. Change to No. 10 needles. Work in stockinette st, inc 1 st each side every 1" 10 (11-12-13) times. Work even on 72 (76-80-84) sts until piece measures 15" (15 ½"-16"-16 ½") from start or 4" less than desired length to underarm, end p row. Break off Me. Work 30 rows of striped band. Break off Rand W.

Shape Cap: Join MC, working in stockinette st, bind off 5 (5-6-7) sts at beg of next 2 rows, then dec 1 st each side every other row until 34 sts remain. Bind off 3 sts at beg of next 6 rows, Bind off remaining 16 sts.

FINISHING: Sew shoulder seams. Sew in sleeves. Sew side and sleeve. seams, matching striped bands.

Neckhand: From right side, with MC and first dp needle, k sts from back holder; with 2nd dp needle, pick up and k 22 sts on side of left neck edge and k 9 (10-11-12) sts from front holder; with 3rd dp needle, k last 9 (10-11-12) sts from front holder, pick up and k 22 sts on side of right neck edge-88 (92-96-100) sts. Drop MC. Join R, k 1 rnd, p 1 rnd, Drop R. With W, k 2 rnds. Break off W. With R, k 1 rnd, p 1 rnd. Break off R. With MC, k 1 rnd, then work in ribbing of k 2, p 2 for 2". Bind off loosely in ribbing.

Steam-press sweater to size, using steam iron or dry iron and damp cloth.